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## FACT SHEET

### WATER RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

Palestinian Community Assistance Program (PCAP)

### PROJECT PROFILE

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#### CHALLENGES

- Infrastructure network in dire need of rehabilitation or replacement.
- Uncertain political environment.
- Movement and access constraints.
- Interference by the ruling authority in the Gaza Strip.

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#### Project Overview

The Palestinian Community Assistance Program (PCAP) is a \$100 million initiative to rebuild and improve community infrastructure and housing in the Gaza Strip. The PCAP strategy for economic recovery focuses on identifying and developing feasible economic opportunities to provide employment and income, while preparing resident youth and businesses to respond to future opportunities through skill building, training and assistance.

The program promotes a multi-sector strategy that supports the priorities of the Palestinian Authority, helps families in Gaza to meet their immediate and long-term needs, and contributes to ongoing recovery of economic and social systems. The program's overall approach will target beneficiaries according to demonstrated need and vulnerability. Activities are planned to improve the health, education, economic development, social support, and infrastructure sectors. PCAP will also provide critical humanitarian assistance to vulnerable populations in the Gaza Strip and should the need arise, in the West Bank.

PCAP projects will include the repair of homes, increased availability of food through accelerated production and assistance to farmers, and the implementation of a "Cash for Work" program to stimulate economic recovery at the household level. PCAP will also support local businesses through technical knowledge sharing and business partnership development. The program is expected to complete community rehabilitation and development projects, including health clinics, community facilities, women's centers, child-friendly spaces, water/sanitation works, youth centers, and other facilities throughout the Gaza Strip. These efforts will impact the lives of over 600,000 residents of Gaza.

#### Goals

- Address the infrastructure recovery needs of residents through tangible improvements in community infrastructure and housing.
- Support economic recovery and development in the Gaza Strip through the creation of income generation and business opportunities.
- Address the social recovery needs of citizens through measured improvements in food security, education, health and psychosocial services.

#### Project Detail

Implementing Partner: Mercy Corps in partnership with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and CHF International; Life of Project: 09/30/2010-09/30/2013; Total Estimated Cost: \$100,000,000.